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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Each year approximately 2 million women are  
3 assaulted by male partners and an estimated 3.3 million  
4 children witness domestic abuse; and

5           WHEREAS, Domestic abuse has been linked to a wide range of  
6 societal problems for people coming from violent homes  
7 including a majority of violent criminals and homeless people;  
8 a large percentage of alcoholics and drug addicts; many  
9 juvenile delinquents; and a majority of welfare recipients; and

10           WHEREAS, The DuPage County Health Department identified  
11 domestic abuse, and child abuse/neglect as 2 of the top 5 major  
12 public health problems and DuPage crime data indicates that  
13 domestic abuse is the county's second most prevalent offense;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Family Shelter Service was founded in 1976 by  
16 DuPage families concerned about women and children made  
17 homeless by the violence in their lives; and

18           WHEREAS, During its 40-year tenure, Family Shelter Service  
19 has offered a safe haven for thousands of adults and children  
20 trapped by the violence in their homes; and

1           WHEREAS, Family Shelter Service educates communities on  
2 domestic abuse and how to prevent it; it operates a 24-hour  
3 hotline, provides shelter for those leaving abusive  
4 relationships, and runs a kids program to educate and counsel  
5 children about domestic abuse; and

6           WHEREAS, Family Shelter Service counselors and case  
7 workers have helped countless adults and children heal from the  
8 devastating effects of domestic abuse and move on to productive  
9 lives and safer futures; and

10           WHEREAS, Family Shelter Service has partnered with the  
11 DuPage County Judicial System to help traumatized clients  
12 navigate the complexities of the legal system when obtaining  
13 Orders of Protection and other services; therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
16 appreciate and applaud the essential value of this organization  
17 and its vital contribution in creating safer communities for  
18 all; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That we recognize the 40th anniversary of Family  
20 Shelter Service in April of 2016; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Family Shelter Service as an expression of our  
2 esteem and respect.